

HB 695 -- UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A MINOR

SPONSOR: Murray

This bill creates the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor. A person under the age of 18 commits the offense if they knowingly possess a handgun or ammunition only for a handgun.

The offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a minor is a class A misdemeanor.

Minors engaged in certain activities or occupations are exempt from this offense, as provided in the bill.

A firearm or ammunition given to a minor for a lawful purpose, that is subsequently used by the minor for an unlawful purpose must not be permanently confiscated, but will be returned to the lawful owner when no longer needed for investigation or prosecution.

This bill is similar to SB 34 (2025).